

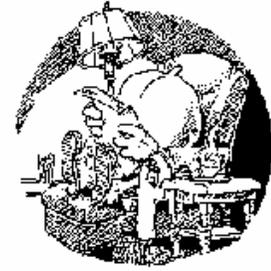


The Garbanzo Gazette

April 23, 2009



Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter



UPCOMING MEETINGS & NEW BOARD

The new Growers Market board of directors is: Jennefer Harper (secretary), Moises Lucero, Rodney Tisdale (president), Michael Schapiro (treasurer), Rachel Theismeyer, Richard Tetley, Willcee Aboudet, Jaci Guereña, Doug Quirke and Nathan Greene. The next Growers meeting (board meeting) will be on Wednesday, May 20th, at 6 pm. The co-op coordinators did not actually set a date for a new meeting, but the meetings have been on the third Monday, which would make the next meeting on Monday, May 18th, at 6:30 pm. If we are not at the round table upstairs in the Growers Market Building, look for us downstairs in the co-op or elsewhere in the building.--Milton Takei

SPECIAL ORDERS

Suddenly several people have decided to abandon their special orders. This costs Growers - all off us - money. Fair warning: if you abandon your special order it can cost you the privilege of special ordering.

STRAWBOSS POSITION AVAILABLE:

Growers New Member Orientation, Thursdays at 1:30 Help introduce Growers Market to new potential members. We are also going to add another orientation session toward the end of the afternoon on Thursdays. If you are interested in either time, see a coordinator for details or call Julie 338-0031 or see a coordinator at the market.

NEW TUESDAY CLEANING CREW COMING SOON!

Would you like to make your market sparkle? We're looking for folks who would like to earn their pumpkins Tuesdays between 10:00 and 1:00. Our Tasks: Scrubbing those bulk buckets till they look so

clean that your mother would want to shop here! Fridge and Freezer defrosting! Sanitizing scoops, tongs, and spatulas! I'm excited...are you? I'm collecting names and contact information of market members who are interested in participating regularly or occasionally. See me at the market, leave a message for me here, call me at 345-6808 or email dawning@efn.org. joni

SEEKING FARM PARTNER(S)

seeking partner(s) to share 40 acres west of Eugene. peasant lifestyle skills required. in addition to providing for ourselves as much as we are able, we adhere to the wild farm movement ideas by providing habitat for wild specie. we pay special attention to invertebrates particularly the pollinators; also amphibians and reptiles and, of course, birds. email nellie.jan@gmail.com or call 541-485-1426.

LILLY'S CLOSET

This Friday, last Friday Art Walk, 1283 W 4th Fun, Fabulous Clothes. Come Play 5-8pm

Send submissions to garbanzo@lists.opn.org. You can also put articles in the garbanzo box at growers. Newsletter copy deadline is 5:00 pm Wednesday. Market hours are Tuesdays 5-7pm; Thursdays 2:30 to 7:30 pm and Fridays 10 am to 1 pm and 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm. An orientation to Growers is held each Thursday at 1:30. The Growers email list includes an electronic banzo, events notices, and other misc. info. growers@lists.opn.org To subscribe via email, send a message to growers-join@lists.opn.org Growers Market: 687-1145

Pre Order Produce by E-Mail

Send an e-mail to growers.market@gmail.com by Tuesday evening @ 6:30pm to preorder produce for that week. Growers is now open 10 am-1 pm on Friday and you can pre-order for Fridays. Indicate on the form if you plan to pick up during am or pm hours. Contact Cialin at cialin@efn.org if you are interesting in joining the Friday morning crew. See you there!

Grower's Annual Meeting 4-10-09

Present: Sam, Moises, Nathan, Jennefer, Jaci, Myriah, Laurye, Micheal, Milton, Kaverri, (Random thought: Divine Lovers & Spice Girls!), David O., Jason, Collette, Doug Quirke, Lareina, Willcee, Taylor, Arthur, Joni, Amalina, David, Doug Black, Rob, Richard, Rachel, Martin, Sue, Robin, Rebecca, Edward, Zeal, Inge, Matt, Christa, Grace, and several other awesome Grower's peeps!

Not Present: Brian

Minutes By: Jennefer Harper

Facilitator: Rodney Tisdale

Agenda:

Introductions

Announcements:

May 3rd 10am to 4pm Grower's Market Cleaning Party!!

This Saturday the 11th Roller Derby Bout @ Lane County Fairgrounds

Year End Review

Lots of stuff got done:

We passed the CAMI agreement.

We postponed major building improvements due to uncertain economic times.

We reclaimed the consistent posting and approving of minutes.

We worked toward improving board interaction with other elements of the organization.

We had quorum for every single meeting of the year.

We formed committees. The visioning committee drafted a verbal summation of the relationship between the various elements of Growers.

The maintenance committee found and rectified a nasty situation under the building. The board gave Edward a long overdue evaluation.

The board enjoyed serving together which is no small accomplishment in itself!

Edward's raise

new printer/xerox/fax machine

new water filter (or was that even before?)

Other newsworthy info:

Maintenance: under the building got cleaned out, floors in Red Agave still need to be fixed. Restaurant has also been affected by the economy. Reduction in rent given temporarily. New hot water heater in building. Roof only has a few years left. We are replacing two windows and

getting ductless heating/cooling system. Three swarms of bees in the building. We are trying to get them out of the building. Nathan scaffolded the building & are in the bricks. Made a shelf and built a bee box to draw queen & most bees out. Edward had an evaluation.

Treasury Report

Building, Co-op, Fruit Booth all doing GREAT! Edward has a detailed spreadsheet that is accessible to anyone who is interested.

Building Manager Report

Lots of stuff was mentioned above. (Look up!) We'd like solar panels, but they're too expensive for us right now. We are trying to be more energy efficient. We'd also like to put more energy efficient windows in more offices.

Co-op Review:

There have been a lot of books written about eating organic and local. The economy has also been down. What does this mean? Lots & more! People shopping at Grower's! Grower's is cheaper than other co-ops! We have cheaper prices because we work here! We've had a lot of fun work parties. We have more stuff & more special orders. We have two new suppliers now. There are a lot of new members! This affects us in so many ways. FYI the Market is an owner who contributes to the building fund. The market is not a tenant and does not pay rent. The building was established by the market- this is why the market is the owner and not the tenant. How can we lure more travelers from the Amtrak train into the market? And, do we want to do this? Shall the coordinators/strawbosses get an increase in compensation? We need to decide if we are a co-op or not a co-op. Where is the line when advertising since we are a "food buying club?" One pumpkin=\$200 worth of shopping=1/2 an hour of work. Should this be different? What about one pumpkin=1 hour of work? This is the 40th anniversary of OCF, Wow Hall, White Bird & Grower's. Shall we co-coordinate something fun? April 15th, Wed @ White Bird 1, 2, 3, or 4pm is a meeting to discuss possible 40th anniversary celebrations. Contact: lillysees@yahoo.com. Let's find out what the codes are before we invite a health inspector. Can the market sell beer & wine? The mural is 2 inches into the city's land.

Q&A

Elections

Report from Amelina & Miranda: Everyone who ran for the board is on the board!!

Next Meeting:

April 21st Tuesday 6-8pm @ round table.

Thank You/Pizza Time!!

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